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THIS IS WHAT HAPPENED RECENTLY

The 97th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Assn., held in Philadelphia Nov. 7 to 14, was attended by many RMP and Comprehensive Health members, reports DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH, who was an official delegate representing Southern California. "One of the most active and articulate groups there was composed of individuals representing the consumer; this was the same group who attended the National Consumers Conference in Oakland, this past summer. Selected medical students who were present included Robert Ferrell from USC. For a multi-discipline and consumer-oriented approach to health care, this is an excellent association for RMP to relate to," says Miss Anderson. "Local level membership is through the Affiliate (Southern California Public Health Association) and national membership is in APHA." GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH (AREA V - CCU) and JOHN S. LLOYD, PhD (AREA V - Evaluation) also attended.

The new Executive Director of Comprehensive Health Planning Association of L. A. County is Albert Whitehall who comes to the post from a position as Director of Development, Church Divinity School of Berkeley. Previously, he was planning officer of California Commission on RMP.

To foster a closer and continuous interchange of information on planning and projects, AREA V Staff Members have arranged to attend the various standing committees of Comprehensive Health Planning Assn. of L. A. County: GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH, CLYDE E. MADDEN, ACSW and TONI MOORS have chosen Community Health Services; KAY D. FULLER, RN - Personal Health Services; JOHN S. LLOYD, PhD - Mental Health; DOROTHY E. ANDERSON, MPH - Health Manpower; FRANK F. AGUILERA, MPA, LEON C. HAUCK and WILLIAM A. MARKEY will attend Health Facilities and Services meetings.

JOHN S. LLOYD, PhD (Asst. Coordinator - Evaluation) was invited to be a member of a steering committee which met in Washington December 8 to help plan an RMP evaluation conference to be held some time next year. The 40 or so RMP evaluators across the nation will be polled during the next few weeks to find out their resources and needs regarding the proposed workshop.

The East Los Angeles Health Workshop will be discussed over the air on Tuesday, December 16 when FRANK F. AGUILERA, MPA, (Assistant Coordinator, Community Programs) Dr. Robert E. Tranquada, Medical Director, LACO-USC Medical Center and Joe Duarte, Coordinator of the East Los Angeles Health Task Force will appear on AHORA. The Program is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. over KCET, Channel 28.

AREA V's CCU Program completed its first community teaching course on December 3 with the graduation of twenty-five students from the Antelope Valley area. The class was composed of 14 RN's and 9 LVN's; 7 were from Antelope Valley Hospital, 7 from Lancaster Community Hospital, 7 from Swan Memorial 1 from Tehachapi and 3 from Edwards Air Force Base. The only operating CCU in the area at the present time is at Antelope Valley Hospital but the other participating institutions expect to open units now that trained personnel is available....tentative plans are for a 4-bed unit at Swan Memorial, 4 beds at Lancaster Memorial, 2 at Tehachapi. Edwards Air Force Base has the equipment for a 4-bed unit but are awaiting some architectural renovations before their unit can be opened.

The enthusiasm and cooperation of the entire health community in making the course successful was heart-warming, say GLADYS ANCRUM, DrPH and VIVIEN WARR, RN, who coordinated and supervised the teaching course. Plans are being made for a second course next April.

The East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop is being credited for some of the changes which are taking place of late: A resolution, introduced by Supervisor Ernest E. Debs and adopted unanimously by the Board of Supervisors of L. A. County, refers the recommendations of the East Los Angeles Community Health Workshop to all County Departments for decision as to which recommendations be implemented without policy changes. Each department has also been instructed to report back to the Board of Supervisors specifying what policy changes are needed to accomplish other requested improvements.

Another response to the recommendations of the Health Conference, reports Dr. Jane Shields, medical officer for the East Los Angeles Ferris Clinic, is an ambulatory clinic for senior citizens soon to be available. Dental and optical services will be included in the health care offered.

WELCOME ABOARD

LUIS A. PINGARRON, former Community Consultant to the RMP-East Los Angeles Steering Committee for Health Needs, has joined the staff of AREA V in the capacity of Asst. Director of Community Affairs for East Los Angeles. Mr. Pingarron will be involved in the definition of community health needs and the coordination of efforts to implement the recommendations of the East L. A. Community Health Workshop. He will be located in an office in the EIA community and will work under the direction of FRANK F. AGUILERA, MPA (Asst. Coordinator, Community Programs).

C A L E N D A R

STAFF MEETINGS ARE SUBJECT TO SUDDEN CHANGES--PLEASE CHECK WITH OFFICE FOR LATEST INFORMATION
ALL MEETINGS ARE IN CONFERENCE ROOM UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED

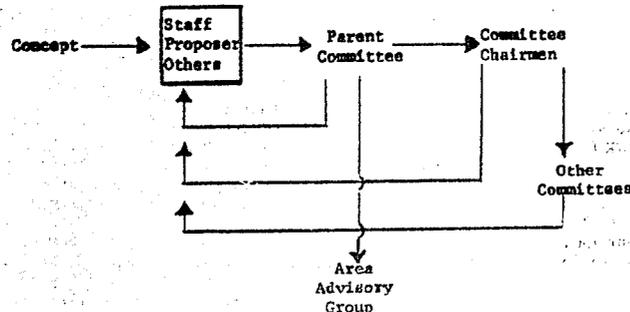
DEC.			
17	8:00 a.m.	AREA V Social Workers Advisory Meeting	
17	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
(NO WATTS-WILLOWBROOK MEETINGS IN DECEMBER)			
18	10:00 a.m.	CCRMP Objectives Committee Meeting	Thunderbolt Hotel
to	12:00 noon		San Francisco Airport
18	2:00 p.m.	CCRMP Staff Consultants Meeting	Thunderbolt Hotel
to	5:00 p.m.		San Francisco Airport
19	11:30 a.m.	AREA V Committee Chairmen	
24	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
30	10:00 a.m.	AREA V CCU Nurses Training	
to	2:00 p.m.		
31	9:30 a.m.	AREA V Staff Meeting	
NOTE: RMP OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 25 and 26 and JANUARY 1 and 2			

CHANGES IN PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT ANNOUNCED

After a recent review by the staff of the AREA V system of project development, a new method, outlined below, has been recommended. The changes are intended to prevent unnecessary effort prior to full validation by the necessary committees:

	<u>TASK</u>	<u>RESPONSIBILITY</u>	<u>OUTPUT</u>
I.	One-page proposal	Area V Staff	Assignment to category committee.
II.	Review of one-page proposal	Categorical Committee	Validation or rejection of "idea" expressed in one-page proposal.
III.			
a.	"Concept" development	Proposer and Area V Staff	One to two paragraphs clearly stating the mission of the project, its major perimeters of function and major constraints.
b.	Review of concept	Parent Committee	Rejection, modification, approval.
c.	Review of amended concept	Committee Chairmen and Area V Advisory Group	Advice, approval, or rejection.
IV.	Development of intermediate proposal	Staff and Proposer	Full intermediate proposal.

Using this type of development process, only that data will be necessary which will support the "concept." Furthermore, development of the "concept" will permit the clear and concise statement of the mission of the proposal, a necessary step which up to the present time has not been clearly understood by many proposers. The support of other committees and the gathering of data will not be done until the "concept" has been fully accepted by the parent committee and the Area Advisory Group. (Note that the parent committee and the Area Advisory Group will have the power to reject the proposal through this stage.)



C A N Y O U H E L P ?

It has been brought to our attention that canned meats are urgently needed for Christmas Baskets at the Indian Center, 3446 West First Street, Los Angeles.

Any donations will be much appreciated by the many Indian families who are in need and are eligible for these baskets.

Thank you.